

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL SCHWARZ

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker. I rise to thank Daniel Schwarz for nearly six years of service in my personal office and on the Judiciary Committee. Throughout his time on my staff, he has provided key advice across a range of issues, and he has crafted effective strategies for communicating my office's vision and accomplishments to my constituents and to the American people.

Growing up in the Washington, D.C. area, it is perhaps no surprise that Danny has a keen understanding and appreciation of government and politics. After graduating from Indiana University, he earned a master's degree in politics and communication in the media from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He then worked in a variety of communications roles in both domestic and international politics.

Danny began working in my personal office as Communications Director in April 2015. He added the role of Director of Strategic Communications for the Judiciary Committee in January 2018, skillfully handling two high-profile and high-pressure positions at once. He also ensured that the need to keep my constituents informed never got lost among a sea of national press requests.

In addition to his responsibilities as Communications Director, he has been a key advisor on issues relating to the Jewish community and Israel in my personal office. When President Obama negotiated a controversial and highly technical agreement preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, Danny's strategic thinking and advice was essential to evaluating the agreement and navigating the complicated political challenges that the deal presented.

Once I decided to support the deal, Danny helped craft a lengthy statement describing my decision and why I believed it was in the public interest, which he helped present to the public in a way that was nothing short of masterful. This statement was vital to building confidence with my constituents and with the broader public that I had arrived at this difficult decision with great thought and care. Danny's knowledge and keen analysis on issues relating to Israel has also made him an invaluable asset to staff from other offices who rely on his expertise in advising their Members.

Danny's work has always been integral to the office, but we needed his effort more than ever when President Trump came to office and it became necessary to hold him and his Administration accountable. As I became involved in more and more high-profile events—from rushing to the airport on the day the Muslim Ban was enacted, to introducing a Resolution of Inquiry about the President's connection to Russia, to calling out the racism and anti-Semitism coming out of Charlottesville—

ville with a powerful censure resolution. Danny was there every step of the way to ensure that my work was visible and understandable to the public.

He also helped guide the communications strategy during the impeachment proceeding of 2019. At a time when the eyes of the world were on the Judiciary Committee, Danny had the difficult task of helping to shape our message and working with all of the Committee Members as well as House Leadership and the broader Democratic Caucus to ensure that we spoke with one voice to make the case to the American public.

At the same time, Danny helped me navigate a local and national press corps hungry for information about our work. He developed strong relationships with journalists, skillfully balanced the needs of different news outlets, and he worked hard to keep me on message with clear and concise talking points.

Long before I became Chairman, Danny worked tirelessly to ensure that coverage of my work would put me and the positions I advocated in the best light. Danny's hard work behind the scenes also helped me rise to Ranking Member and, later, to become Chairman, and I am grateful for everything he did to get me where I am today.

Danny's skill as a writer and as a strategic thinker, combined with his good judgment, have been invaluable. His thoughtful advice, his deep understanding of how our words and deeds will be interpreted by the public, and his skill in shaping a clear, direct message to effectively communicate my work will be greatly missed.

Danny enjoys the respect, admiration, and friendship of many staffers on the Hill who will miss his keen insights, his sense of humor, and his unique perspective on many of the most pressing issues of the day.

He is moving on to new challenges in the private sector, but we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

I thank him for his service to my office, to the Congress, and to the country.

**HONORING COL. MARIA A. JUAREZ  
ON HER PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL**

**HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of U.S. Army Reserve Colonel Maria A. Juarez on the occasion of her promotion to Brigadier General.

Colonel Juarez entered the U.S. Army through the R.O.T.C. program at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras campus in 1992, with honors as distinguished military graduate. Specializing in logistics she has served in the Quartermaster corps as a Regular Army and Army Reserve Officer for over 28 years, serving in multiple staff positions at

all levels including Office of the Chief of Army Reserves, divisional and major Subordinate Command levels; with deployments and postings in the Continental States, Germany, the Balkans, Korea, and the Middle East.

Since 2017, she has been the commander of the 166th Regional Support Group in Puerto Rico, part of the Army Reserve Caribbean Geographical Command under 1st Mission Support Command. She took command of the RSG in July 2017 and within two months was faced with the largest domestic relief operation of the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico's history. During the Hurricane Maria Relief Effort the 166th carried out over 700 logistical support missions to remote locations throughout Puerto Rico.

From January to September 2019, she deployed with the 166th Group to Afghanistan, where she served as the Commander for the Regional Support Group in Kabul, Afghanistan, after which she was selected to serve with the U.S. Central Command as the Deputy Plans Chief for Iran Branch. So, she has been tested both at home and abroad, facing threats both foreign and domestic with distinction.

During her career, our newest Brigadier General has achieved two Masters degrees, in Strategic Studies and in Information Systems from the Army War College and Central Michigan University, and earned military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six Meritorious Service Medals and Army Commendation Medal, among many others.

Maria Juarez represents thousands of our Army Reserve soldiers in Puerto Rico, serving in our home front as part the largest U.S. Army command in the Caribbean, in the best tradition of service of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. military for more than a century. She also represents the high achievement of our women in uniform, breaking barriers and proving they are a priceless resource for the preparedness of our Armed Forces.

As she enters the next stage in her military career as a Brigadier General, I congratulate Maria A. Juarez and I know she will continue to reach great achievements. As the Representative from Puerto Rico and Co-Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus, I am especially proud to be able to offer this recognition and to hold forth her example for young women at home and across the nation of what is possible with commitment, effort and dedication.

**HONORING MEREDITH ANDING, JR.**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Meredith Anding, Jr., a native of Myles, Mississippi. Mr. Anding and eight other undergraduate students at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS

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